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[Despatch Abstract.]

Industries - Sericulture - C & E, College
Stock verification 1946-47- Silk
waste - loss due to dyage-
Write off - Sanctioned

Industries and Commerce Department.

From
Sri.P. Govinda Menon, B.E,
Joint Director of Industries
and Commerce, Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department, Fort
St. George, Madras.

No.DI.3400/47 dated 2/8/48.

Sir,

Sub: Government Silk Filatures, Kollegal - Stock verification 1946-47
Silk waste - Write off of loss - Request for.

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The annual stock verification of silk, cocoons and silk wastes in Government Silk Filatures, Kollegal, for the year 1946-47 was conducted by the Sericultural Expert, Kollegal during the last week of April 1947 and 1,285 lbs of silk waste of the following qualities were found short.

	Lbs.	Ozs.
Silk waste I Grade.	290	12
Silk waste II Grade	235	4
Stained.	1	8
Duppion	101	12
Degmmed II	655	12
	1,285	0

I have examined the reasons for the shortages reported and I find that it is due to driage and by the hygroscopic nature of the material. Silk and silk waste are said to gain or lose as much as 30% in weight due to changes in atmospheric conditions. In this particular case, a large portion of the silk waste was stored in the cocoon shed at the Kollegal Silk Filature building having a very low roofing with corrugated iron sheets, which made the atmospheric in the godown very warm in the summer months resulting in heavy driages. Extracts from the letter received from the General Manager Government Silk Filature in this connection are enclosed. I am satisfied with the explanation furnished by the General Manager, and request that Government may be pleased to sanction the write off of Rs.2,570/- being the value of 1,285 lbs of silk waste at Rs.2/- per pound.

The delay in addressing Government for the sanction to write off is due to the fact that it was till now undecided as to whether the market rates on the production costs for the different qualities are to be adopted for working out the loss. The Sericultural Expert who was asked to work out the production cost of silk wastes has reported that it is difficult to assess the production cost as it is only a by-product and suggested that a flat rate of Rs.2/- may be adopted as has been done in audit, which has taken place in the meanwhile by the Chief Auditor, State Trading Schemes. The Chief Auditor was therefore consulted in this regard and he has agreed that a flat rate of Rs.2/- a lb. may be adopted so far as it relates to 1946-47 and this has since been adopted in arriving at the loss.

For Joint Director of Industries and Commerce.

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Office of the Director of Industries and Commerce, Chepauk, Madras 5/

An Extract from the letter No.1093-B/47 dated 16-9-1947 from the General Manager, Government Silk Filatures, Kollegal.

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C. Silk-Waste.

At the time of the annual verification on 11-4-47, the stock of silkwaste was distributed in two places i.e. at Kollegal Silk Filature andat Government Silk Filature. The stock at Kollegal Silk Filature after that filature was closed down in Nov.46 was as given in the statement attached and it was transferred to the cocoon shed which had very low roofing with corrugated iron sheets. The transfer of silkwaste from the old office block where it was usually stored was necessitated to make available all the rooms for the use of the Sericultural Expert to locate his offices etc. The silkwaste was kept in the cocoon shed under lock and key till the time of verification save for two occasions in March '47 when two lorry loads of silkwaste were delivered to the Spun Silk Mills, Channapatna. It may be seen from the statement attached that the shortages observed in the stock verification have occurred mostly in the stock held at the Kollegal Silk Filature. There are shortages in all the qualities except in Degummed 1st grade. The shortages are attributable to the excessive driage which the silkwaste had undergone while in storage in the godown. The atmosphere in the godown with the corrugated iron sheet roofing would have got very hot due to the summer heat (the months January, February, March and April are the hottest here) and made the silkwaste absolutely bone dry resulting in heavy shortages in all qualities. It may be remembered that silkwaste is a highly hygroscopic material and driages upto 30% may be expected.

The high percentage of shortage noticed in the case of duppion waste is evidently due to two or three bales of duppion having been issued as 1stgrade to Mysore Spun Silk Mills, Chennapatna on account of their resemblance. The Secretary of the Mills expressed to me once about the mix up but the matter was not persued further. If the percentage loss is calculated on the total quantity of 1st grade and duppion waste it shows a driage of 7.2% which may be considered reasonable. The excess in Degummed 1st grade and excessive shortage in D.G.2nd grade is due to the mix up of degummed 2nd grade waste with the degummed 1st grade waste during stock verification on account of their close resemblance. The total shortage taking both the degummed 1st and 2nd grades together works out to about 12.8% which may be considered quite reasonable especially for this class of waste when it is remembered that it contains a lot of pupae skin which falls of every time the waste is disturbed thereby contributing to some shortage in weight. These are very inferior kinds of waste and the cleaning operation is not done perfectly as it is not removed. It is just possible that a greater percentage of moisture may have also remained in the silkwaste when it was first taken into account.

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Statement 1.

Sl.No.	Particulars	1st grade	2nd grade	Duppion	Degummed I	Degummed II
		Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
1.	Stock left over at Kollegal Silk Filature in Nov.46	5,727-0	2,650-0	242-0	1,641-12	2,582-12
2.	Issues to Mysore Spun Silk Mills Channapatna in March 47	2,458-0	2,206-0			
3.	Balance at K.S.F. at time of verification in April 47	3,269-0	444-0	242-0	1,641-12	2,582-12
4.	Verified stock	2,972-0	212-0	109-0	1,757-0	1,927-0
5.	Shortage due to driage	-297-0	-232-0	133-0	* 115-4	- 655-12
6.	Percentage of driage	5.2%	8.8%	55%		25.4%

Total of 1st grade and Duppion	5,969	Total of Degummed I and II grade	4,224-8
Total shortage in 1st grade and duppion	430	Net shortage	540-8
Percentage of driage	7.2	% driage	12.8

Statement II

Sl.No.	Particulars	1st grade	2nd grade	Stained waste	Duppion	Degummed I	Degummed
		Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
1.	Stock at G.S.F. only as on 11-4-47	4087-4	2207-4	759-0	310-12	55-0	98-0
2.	Verified stock	4093-8	2204-0	757-8	342-0	55-0	98-0
3.	Shortages or excesses	6-4	- 3-4	- 1-8	32-0	Nil	Nil

It may be seen that driages in G.S.F. are not high on account of the fact that the stora is done under better conditions.

Statement 3.

1.	Book balance on 11-4-47(1+2)	7356-4	2651-4	759-0	552-12	1696-12	2680-1
2.	Total stock verified	7065-8	2416-0	757-8	451-0	1812-0	2025-0
3.	Excess or deficit	- 290-12	- 235-4	- 1-8	-101-12	+ 115-4	-655-1

Note: 'III grade' given in the verification report should be "Stained waste".

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Ex 28.8 Sub. Industries - Sericulture - Gr. SF Kollegal - Stock verification 1946-47 - Silk waste - shortage due to dryage - Write off &c. - Sanction sought for

cf Rdabo from the JT Dir No D1. 3400/47 dt 2.8.48
Order No 4445 MS Rv dt 31/8/48

H.E. the Governor of Madras sanctions the write off of a loss of Rs 2570/- (Rupees two thousand five hundred and seventy only) being the value of 1285 lbs of silk waste at Rs 2 per lb, found short due to dryage at the annual stock verification of silk, cocoons and silk waste for the year 1946-47 at the Gr. SF, Kollegal.

An pl cf

Bdt Rdg.
fig the Dir.
Abs Circular
copy to SF

Ca 17848 dtd 17.8.48 — 18/8/48

Note

Please see the JT Dir's letter in the cf. Subject to orders a draft order is subd above for approval. The Deptt may see for acceptance.

Dr cocoons Ca 17848 dtd 17.8.48 — 18.8.48

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The draft order above may be accepted.

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The draft order on leaf may now issue

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